MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes. There is one who is acting as Forester on Rs. 20.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know the number of applications received in 1106 and in 1107 ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I have not got the information before me now.

Hindu Nadars in the Registration Department.

264. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a single Hindu Nadar receiving a salary of Rs. 30 or above in the Registration Department ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is a Hindu Nadar in the Office of the Director of Registration acting as a clerk in the scale of Rs. 25-40.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) ; Does the Chief Secretary think that the answer given is really an answer to *my* question ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is. An appointment on Rs. 25—40 is considered to be higher than an appointment on Rs. 30.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : My question does not speak of the scale of pay at all. My question is whether there is a single Hindu Nadar, in the Registration Department, drawing a salary of Rs. 30 or more ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government little thought that the member would concern himself so much with the number of rupees that the member of the communtty is getting just now. That was not considered to be the spirit of the interpellation.

Hindu Nadars in the Secretariat.

265. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a single Hindu Nadar receiving a salary of Rs. 45 or above in the Secretariat ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is one acting in the Rs. 40-5-70 scale. He is a permanent clerk drawing Rs. 35 in the Rs. 25-50 scale.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Is it a fact that the claims for promotion of this Hindu Nadar have been repeatedly overlooked ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

Hindu Nadars in the Industries Department.

266. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a single Hindu Nadar receiving a salary of Rs. 15 or above in the Industries Department ?

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MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): One Mr. Subrahmanya Nadar was acting for some time in 1105, 1106 and in the beginning of 1107, as an Attender in the Research Laboratory of the Department, and afterwards as a clerk in the Government School of Commerce, Alleppey. He is not now working in the Department.

Action on the proposals of the Banking Enquiry Committee about joint stock companies.

267. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken to carry out the suggestions of the Travancore Banking Enquiry Committee in respect of —

(i) empowering the Registrar to inspect the books of the companies; and

(ii) the amendment of the Travancore Companies Regulation, or the enactment of a suitable Banking Law?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (i) and (ii) The suggestions of the Travancore Banking Enquiry Committee referred to are engaging the attention of Government.

Particulars re the English School Leaving Examination in 1107.

268. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of students that have appeared for the English School Leaving Certificate Examination in 1107;

(*b*) the amount collected from them on account of examination fees; and

(*c*) the amount spent out of it on account of examination charges?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 4,625.

(*b*) Rs. 54,852.

54 candidates did not pay examination fees as they belonged to the depressed classes.

(*c*) Answer to this part cannot be furnished now as all items of expenditure connected with the examination have not yet been met.

Appointment of Mr. G. Padmanabha Pillai as Director of Registration.

269. **MR. JOSEPH KUNJU** (*Changanachery cum Peermade*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which Mr. Padmanabha Pillai was appointed Director of Registration;

(*b*) whether he has been confirmed in that post; and

(*c*) if not, the reason for not doing so?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Mr. G. Padmanabha Pillai was appointed on 16-9-1106 as Officer in independent charge of the duties of the Director of Registration.

(*b*) No.

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